

LONG-TERM BUDGET GOALS

Public Safety

Police – Reduce crime and promote awareness that helps prevent crime.

- Resolve interoperability and outdated communication technology with a new radio system by the federally mandated date of 2012.
- Utilize department personnel more effectively by merging the jail with the County.
- Enhance Homeland Security by participating in multi-agency specialized SWAT force to specifically handle terrorist threats and incidents.
- Provide a police presence in neighborhoods; increase Police storefront hours.

Fire – Provide high quality fire protection, fire prevention, and emergency medical services.

- Develop and provide diversity program for all fire fighters.
- Provide fire suppression coverage citywide; maintain staffing standard of four firefighters per apparatus.
- Provide high quality emergency medical services.

Mobility Planning And Infrastructure

Transportation System – Construct, maintain, and operate an efficient network of roads, mass transit, and traffic flow that supports transportation needs.

- Develop a citywide mobility plan to evaluate addition of new lane capacity and improve flow of traffic.
- Maintain and operate the street system to provide smooth traffic flow.

Improving The Quality Of Life

Neighborhood Services – Improve the quality of life citywide and at the neighborhood level.

- Provide expanded health services including disease prevention, control of communicable diseases, children's health services and environmental monitoring.
- Provide recreational opportunities citywide and in neighborhoods and enhance the appearance of the city.
- Revitalize neglected neighborhoods and promote homeownership with financial incentives for homebuyers and developers.

Energy Efficiency

- Provide leadership in assisting individuals and businesses citywide in efficient, affordable use of energy.
- Develop and maintain programs that monitor and control energy use while identifying and utilizing new less expensive forms of energy such as solar and wind.

CIP and Debt

- Implement long-term capital improvement plans that meet the needs of city and neighborhoods.
- Secure and utilize financing techniques that support the capital improvement program in a manageable, affordable way.

City Government

- Provide sound financial management and demonstrate good stewardship of tax dollars maintaining tax rates at a level that encourages economic growth.
- Organize and maintain an organization of public employees that provides the highest quality of public services.
- Pursue and establish policies that support the long-term growth and well being of the City.